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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, HOYLMAN, BENJAMIN, BIAGGI, BRESLIN, BROOKS, CARLUCCI, GOUNARDES, JACKSON, KRUEGER, LIU, MAY, MAYER, MONTGOMERY, MYRIE, PARKER, RAMOS, RIVERA, SALAZAR, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, SERRANO, STAVISKY, THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to mitigate the continuing threat to public health arising from COVID-19 by ensuring that New Yorkers are not rendered homeless, evicted, or dispossessed of their housing

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that as an essential part of the state's efforts to mitigate the continuing threat to public health arising from the widespread outbreak of the coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19, it is necessary to ensure that New Yorkers are not rendered homeless, evicted, or dispossessed of their housing or summoned before a court to defend their right to continued occupancy of their housing.

§ 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary:

1. No court shall accept any petitions in summary proceedings to recover real property or other complaints in actions to recover real property from a residential tenant, or issue a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residential occupant on or before January 20, 2021. All eviction proceedings against residential tenants or other lawful residential occupants shall be suspended statewide until after January 20, 2021.

2. No sheriff or marshal shall execute a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residential occupant on or before January 20, 2021. Any court that has issued a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residential occupant shall stay the execution of

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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such warrant of eviction or judgment of possession until after January 20, 2021.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.